

SPANISH WAR CLAIMS.

United States to Pay Losses of American Citizens.

FOR DAMAGES TO CUBAN PROPERTY

Assumes Debts Incurred by Spain. Generosity to Fallen Foe—Waiting For Honor's Speech—Inconvenience of Life in Manila.

WASHINGTON, April 3.—[Special.]—The generosity of the United States in dealing with a fallen foe is shown in a bill which has passed the senate, been reported from the committee on war claims and bids fair to pass the house without opposition. This bill provides for the payment of claims of American citizens for damages to property in Cuba while Spain held the sovereignty of that island. These claims, it is true, are provided for in the treaty of peace negotiated at Paris. The United States agreed to assume all these claims of American citizens, and Spain assumed the claims of her citizens. It is said the claims of American citizens amount to about \$20,000,000. They are not only for loss of property, but unjust imprisonment and ill usage which Spain inflicted upon the Americans. It is doubtful whether the American citizens would have ever got anything like the full amount of their claims from Spain, and those having claims are no doubt well pleased that the United States assumes them. I recall the fact that about the time the Maine was blown up and there was an unquenchable demand for war with Spain a number of statesmen in Washington thought these unpaid claims of American citizens might well be made a basis of a war. It was proposed to pass a resolution demanding that they be paid at once and if Spain demurred to send warships to seize Havana. This process was too slow to suit the American people. The payment of these claims by the United States, together with the \$20,000,000 paid for the Philippines, indicates a generosity on the part of the victor heretofore unknown among nations.

Where Is Honor's Speech?
Early in the session, even before the Christmas holidays, we were all given to understand that Senator Hoar intended to make the effort of his life in a speech upon the Philippines. We all understood that he was preparing it, and I am confident from remarks that I have heard relating to the work the senator was doing that a great deal of the speech was prepared, though it is not yet completed. Just why it has never been delivered is not quite plain. Of course we all know that the Massachusetts senator gave a great deal of attention to the investigation and hearings before the committee on privileges and elections regarding the election of Senator Clark of Montana. It is also true that other matters engrossed a large share of his attention, but at the same time the senator from the Bay State is not the man to allow any amount of business to deter him from delivering a speech if he is ready to discuss a question. In fact, several times when the Philippine question was under consideration he intimated that at some later time he intended to speak at more length upon the whole subject of the Philippine acquisition. His speech has not been forthcoming, which has caused some wonder. Possibly before the general subject passes out of the hands of the senate for the session he will take occasion to make that speech.

Life in Manila.

An interesting letter has been received from the wife of an army officer of high rank in the Philippines. The lady is at Manila and gives a gossip account of some of her experiences there. She says:
"I find the general well as can be— and everybody else that takes care of himself. We have good laundries, good water and good food, which is spoiled only in the cooking. The natives are a lazy, ungrateful lot of people, and the more one sees of them the more one realizes the Spaniards understood how to treat them better than we do. I have not been outside of Manila, but I am told this place is the worst on the islands. The days are growing warmer, and I am told that it gets very hot in May. But when one lives in a climate like this one must live as near as possible as the natives do. I do not mean by this that we go around in airy costumes that the native men and women wear on the street. Whatever you do must be done in the early morning or late in the evening."
"I have been entertained a good deal here by the English residents and the navy. The army does not seem to be doing anything."
"The town is full of runshops, where our soldiers make themselves ill and then blame it on the climate."
"The curfew has been extended to 10 o'clock so that we can be out a little later."
"Everybody has some sort of a trap here. I have a 'calesa' and a Filipino

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boy who sits behind as a driver. One has to be careful how one steps into it, for the chances are the horse will go up and you go down like a seesaw, the horses are so small.

"Nothing is cheap here any more, which is all due to the generous methods of the Americans. We would ruin a sphinx, I believe. Where these people formerly worked for \$4 'Mex' a month they want \$14, and you have to keep a small army of them to do the work. They think we are made of money."

ARTHUR W. DUNN.

Masculine Intuition.

She—There is one thing more I must know, Mr. Hankinson, before I can answer your question. Are you in favor of granting to woman her natural and inalienable right to vote, or do you believe in still grinding her under the heel of masculine tyranny?

He—Well, Dorothy, dear, I don't know, of course, how you feel about it, but I have always been in favor of woman suffrage.

She—Then, George, I am yours.—Chicago Tribune.

Eugene J. Hall, the poet and publisher, says that one of the Foley's Honey and Tar restored his voice when hoarseness threatened to prevent his lecture at Central Music Hall, Chicago. Nothing else as good.—W. A. D'Alemberte.

A CALL

For Democratic Primaries and Convention.

Resolved, That a convention of the Democratic party of Escambia county shall be held at Poynton at 12 o'clock noon on the 14th day of April, 1900, for the purpose of selecting twelve (12) persons to represent Escambia county at the District Convention to nominate a candidate for Congress and for the purpose of selecting twelve (12) persons to represent Escambia county at the State Convention at such time and place as may be fixed by the state and Congressional Democratic Committees and for the purpose of selecting a County Executive Committee to hold until their successors shall be selected in 1901.

The precincts are and shall be entitled to the following representation at said County Convention:

No. 1, Nick's	1
No. 2, Kufman's	2
No. 3, Millview	3
No. 4, Ferry Pass	4
No. 5, Hurst's	5
No. 6, Poynton	6
No. 7, Pine Barren	7
No. 8, Crabtree	8
No. 9, Buff Springs	9
No. 10, Ward & Holland's	10
No. 11, Walnut Hill	11
No. 12, Pensacola	12
No. 13, Pensacola	13
No. 14, Pensacola	14
No. 15, Pensacola	15
No. 16, Pensacola	16
No. 17, Brent's	17
No. 18, McDavid	18
No. 19, Molino	19
No. 20, Flomaton	20

For the purpose of electing delegates from the several precincts as above set forth and for the purpose of nominating two candidates for the House of Representatives, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Sheriff, a candidate for Clerk of Circuit Court, a candidate for Tax Collector, a candidate for Treasurer, a candidate for County Judge, a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction, a candidate for County Surveyor, a candidate for Clerk of Criminal Court, a candidate for Justice of the Peace, a candidate for Second District, a candidate for Justice of Peace for Fifth District, candidates for three members of County School Board, a primary election of the Democratic voters of Escambia county shall be held between the hours of 8 a. m. and 4 p. m. on Tuesday, the 14th day of April, 1900, and for the purpose of conducting said election the following inspectors and clerks of election are hereby selected and appointed:

Precinct No. 1—Chas. Andrews, Neil Gage, W. D. Bell, inspectors; Archie Beaton, clerk.
Precinct No. 2—Ash Cravey, Louis Daniels, James Cravey, inspectors; T. M. Scarratt, clerk.
Precinct No. 3—Frank Suarez, D. E. Williams, John Feil, inspectors; D. E. Douglas, clerk.
Precinct No. 4—W. R. Douglas, W. L. Nobles, C. P. Gonzalez, inspectors; W. A. Tiffin, clerk.
Precinct No. 5—Geo. W. Davis, John Bryant, A. J. Bushee, inspectors; Louis Frater, clerk.
Precinct No. 6—Geo. W. Quinn, W. M. McVoy, Wm. Henderson, inspectors; O. E. Jennings, clerk.
Precinct No. 7—B. A. Lide, W. E. Tucker, J. M. Enterkin, inspectors; W. W. Sweeting, clerk.
Precinct No. 8—A. T. Fillingim, H. P. Bowman, H. F. Crabtree, inspectors; Taylor Crabtree, clerk.
Precinct No. 9—L. D. Browder, A. J. Cowart, C. W. Taylor, inspectors; J. Z. Bryars, clerk.
Precinct No. 10—C. J. Ward, John Coleman, F. Rugby, inspectors; B. H. Bryars, clerk.
Precinct No. 11—J. J. Lee, Levi Minnis, Clemson Hall, inspectors; J. R. Steward, clerk.
Precinct No. 12—W. F. Lee, R. P. Reese, J. L. Bailey, inspectors; J. S. Roberts, clerk.
Precinct No. 13—A. A. Fisher, E. H. Gould, W. H. A. McDavid, inspectors; E. Maura, clerk.
Precinct No. 14—Anthony Rierra, A. S. Oliver, L. W. Williams, inspectors; John A. Merritt, clerk.
Precinct No. 15—James Wilkins, Geo. S. Hallmark, C. M. Coston, inspectors; J. T. Whiting, clerk.
Precinct No. 16—W. B. Hubbard, Luke Exum, E. E. Williams, inspectors; J. B. Hubbard, clerk.
Precinct No. 17—A. G. Ciopton, W. A. McLean, George Hoyt, inspectors; Wm. Rafferty, clerk.
Precinct No. 18—L. C. Brewton, D. E. McDavid, M. O. Baggett, inspectors; J. E. Exum, clerk.
Precinct No. 19—J. H. Grimal, W. A. Miller, A. J. Fillingim, inspectors; F. M. Wood, clerk.
Precinct No. 20—W. H. Mayo, Wm. McCutcheon, Wm. M. McCurdy, inspectors; L. D. Stewart, clerk.

The voting at each precinct shall be at the following places respectively:
No. 1—School House.
No. 2—Kufman's Park.
No. 3—Old Store.
No. 4—Old Robert's Place.
No. 5—School House.
No. 6—McVoy's Store.
No. 7—Leaf Market.
No. 8—U. S. mail voting place—Crabtree.
No. 9—School House.
No. 10—Ward's Mill.
No. 11—School House, Walnut Hill.
No. 12—Cor. Intendencia and Alcazar.
No. 13—Northeast corner Palafox and Garden.
No. 14—Corner Romana and Palafox, Roberts' Store.
No. 15—Intendencia and Devilliers.
No. 16—Pineville.
No. 17—Brent station School House.
No. 18—Entrance to Camp Ground.
No. 19—Molino School House.
No. 20—Flomaton, near state line.

In such precincts as half votes are shown, the delegate elected from such precinct giving the smallest vote of those elected shall cast the half vote.
All white Democrats legally qualified to vote under the act of the legislature of 1897, contained in chapter 4353 who have paid their poll taxes for the years 1898 and 1899, and who will pledge themselves to support the nominees of said primary election and said conventions shall be entitled and are cordially invited to participate in said primary election, and said primary election shall be held in all ways under the rules and regulations as set forth in said chapter 4353, and this committee shall meet at the office of the county judge in the city of Pensacola, at 6 o'clock p. m. on the 12th day of April, 1900, at which time and place they will receive returns, canvass the same and announce the result of said primary election, and the inspectors above named will have then and there the returns of said election.

The ballots to be used shall be printed on white paper, and shall have no distinguishing marks.
DAN MURPHY, Secretary.
C. E. PARKHILL, Chairman.

Longevity of Whales.

Some light was thrown upon the subject of the vitality of whales by finding one of these animals in Bering sea in 1890 with a "toggle" harpoon head in its body bearing the mark of the American whaler Montezuma. That vessel was engaged in whaling in Bering sea about ten years, but not later than 1854. She was afterward sold to the government and was sunk in Charleston harbor during the civil war to serve as an obstruction. Hence it is estimated the whale must have carried the harpoon not less than 36 years.

In connection with this fact William H. Dall gives an account in The National Geographic Magazine of a discussion with Captain E. P. Herendeen of the United States National museum of cases of whales that have been supposed to have made their way from Greenland waters to Bering strait and to have been identified by the harpoons they carried. While it is very likely that the whale really makes the passage an uncertainty must always be allowed, for ships were often changing ownership, and their tools were sold and put on board of other vessels, and harpoon irons were sometimes given or traded to Eskimos. It therefore becomes possible that the animal was struck with a secondhand iron.—Popular Science.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Representative.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative of Escambia county, Florida, in the legislature, subject to the democratic primaries.
C. MORENO JONES.

For Representative.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Representative of Escambia county in the legislature, subject to the democratic primaries.
J. EMMET WOLFE.

For Sheriff.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Sheriff of Escambia County, and respectfully ask the support of my friends and voters of the county. If elected I will discharge the duties of said office efficiently, fairly and impartially.
W. H. HUTCHINSON.

For Sheriff.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of sheriff of Escambia county, Florida, and solicit the suffrages and interest of my friends.
GEORGE E. SMITH.

For Sheriff.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election as sheriff of Escambia county, and ask the support of my friends.
J. C. VASPELT.

For Clerk of the Circuit Court.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election as clerk of the circuit court of Escambia county at the ensuing election and ask the support of the voters.
A. M. McMILLAN.

For Circuit Clerk.

I announce my candidacy for Clerk of the Circuit Court of Escambia county, subject to the action of the ensuing democratic primaries.
E. E. L. DANIEL.

For Circuit Clerk.

To the Voters of Escambia County:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of clerk of the circuit court of Escambia county and will be pleased to have the support of my friends and the voters generally.
JOHN DE LA RUA.

For Tax Collector.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election as Tax Collector of Escambia county, and ask the support of my friends and voters generally.
A. H. D'ALEMBERTE.

For Tax Collector.

The many friends of Judge P. B. Ronitay having obtained his consent hereby announce him as a candidate for Tax Collector of Escambia county at the ensuing election.
MANY VOTERS.

For Tax Assessor.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Tax Assessor of Escambia county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries. If elected I expect to meet the approval of the tax payers and will do my duty in every detail as I did when I held the office before.
GEO. REESE.

For County Treasurer.

I announce myself as a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, subject to the action of the democratic primary, and ask the support of my friends.
WILLIAM E. ANDERSON.

For County Treasurer.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-nomination as treasurer of Escambia county, subject to a democratic primary election, and respectfully solicit the support of the voters of the county, pledging myself for the future the same faithful performance of duty that I have endeavored to fulfill during my past tenure of the office.
J. W. FRATER.

For Justice of the Peace.

I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace for the Second District, subject to the action of the nominating primaries.
BOYKIN JONES.

For Justice of the Peace.

At the suggestion of numerous friends, I hereby announce my candidacy for Justice of the Peace of second district, subject to the action of the nominating primaries.
JAMES K. LANDRUM.

For School Superintendent.

I am a candidate for county superintendent of public instruction, subject to the democratic primaries. I respectfully solicit the suffrages of the Escambia county voters for the above-named position.
JAMES M. TATE.

For School Superintendent.

To the Voters of Escambia County:
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Superintendent of Public Instruction for Escambia county and ask the support of my friends and voters generally.
C. J. BELL.

For Superintendent of Public Instruction.

To the Voters of Escambia County: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to the office of county superintendent of public instruction and will be pleased to have the support of my friends and voters generally at the coming democratic primary election.
N. B. COOK.

For Member School Board.

By the request of friends I hereby announce my candidacy for member of Escambia County School Board for Northern (Third) district, subject to the action of the democratic primary.
A. C. BREWTON, JR.

For Member School Board.

Yielding to the urgent request of friends, I have decided to again become a candidate for member of the school board of Escambia county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.
E. WARD.

For Member School Board.

The friends of Mr. J. B. STEWARD of Walnut Hill, having secured his candidacy, hereby announce his candidacy for member of the Escambia County School Board for the northern district, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

For Tax Assessor.

The candidacy of William W. Richards is hereby announced for re-election as tax assessor for Escambia county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

FOREIGN FACTS.

The average progress on the Simplon tunnel is 16 feet a day.

The government of New Zealand provides work for all applicants at the rate of \$2 a day.

Berlin has 70 public monuments, a larger number in proportion to the size of the city than that of any other European capital.

British and Swiss postal authorities have made an arrangement by which money can be transmitted by telegraph between the two countries.

The Society For Ethical Culture at a recent meeting in Munich discussed a plan for the establishment of public libraries and reading rooms fashioned after American models.

Heart to Heart Confidences.

Pertie Goodwin—Don't tell anybody, for the world! See this ring? Art Smasher slipped it on my finger last night.

Meena Zevver—Yes, it's nice looking, but it will make a black circle around your finger before you've worn it a week. It did on mine.—Chicago Tribune.

Talented or Otherwise.

"Billy Bobbs can't be much of a business man."

"Why not?"
"His wife says when anybody gives him a message for her down town he remembers to give it to her when he gets home."—Detroit Free Press.

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Call for State Convention.

Call for a State Democratic convention to be held at Jacksonville, Fla., Tuesday, June 19, 1900.

The democratic party of the state of Florida will hold a state convention at Jacksonville on Tuesday, June 19, at 12 noon, for the following purposes:
To choose delegates to represent the state in the national democratic convention, to be held at Kansas City, Mo., July 4, 1900; to nominate candidates for the offices of Governor, one Justice of the Supreme Court, a Secretary of State, Attorney-General, Comptroller, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Agriculture, a Railroad Commissioner for the term of four years, four Presidential Electors, and one delegate to the national convention at the next regular state election, and to transact such other business as may come before the convention.

The different counties in the state will send delegates to the convention upon the following basis of representation: One delegate for each one hundred votes cast for the candidate on the state ticket who received the highest number of votes at the general election of 1898, and one additional vote for the fraction in excess thereof, when it amounts to fifty or more. The committee has not allowed additional representation where the vote was increased at the election of 1898 in any county for state officers. The counties under this rule will be entitled to representation as follows:

Alachua	11	Leon	11
Bradford	6	Levy	4
Baker	6	Laliby	4
Brevard	5	Manatee	3
Calhoun	2	Madison	7
Citrus	2	Marion	9
Clay	4	Monroe	4
Columbia	6	Nassau	4
Dade	4	Orange	10
DeSoto	6	Osceola	3
Duval	22	Pasco	4
Escambia	11	Polk	8
Franklin	2	St. Johns	7
Gadsden	7	Putnam	4
Hamilton	4	Santa Rosa	5
Hernando	2	Suwannee	2
Hillsboro	20	Talbot	2
Holmes	2	Taylor	2
Jackson	9	Volusia	8
Jefferson	14	Wakulla	5
Jessette	2	Walton	4
Lake	2	Washington	8
Lee	2		

The counties will select their delegates in any manner which may be considered best by the people acting through the party organization as recognized by the last state convention. All democrats are invited to participate in the selection of delegates hereto including those who have become qualified to vote since the last election.

The chairman and secretary of each county convention held for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention are requested to send to Hon. W. A. Rawls, chairman, Tallahassee, Fla., a written or printed copy of the proceedings of such county convention, together with a list of the names of the county executive committee, in which should be designated the chairman and secretary of such committee.

W. A. RAWLS, Chairman.

J. C. COOPER, Secretary.

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